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SUBJECT: CABINET CHANGES ANNOUNCED BY PRIME MINISTER

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1. PRIME MINISTER TOM ADAMS ANNOUNCED SEPT. 11 THE CABINET
RESHUFFLE THAT HAD BEEN THE BASIS FOR SPECULATION IN RECENT WEEKS
(REFTELS). ADAMS' PRESS SECRETARY EXPLAINED IN MAKING THE
ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT THE RESHUFFLE WAS TO EASE THE BURDEN ON THE
PRIME MINISTER AND SOME OF THE OTHER MINISTERS AND THAT NONE OF
THE SHIFTS WAS MEANT TO REFLECT ON THE WORK DONE SINCE THE
BARBADOS LABOUR PARTY ASSUMED POWER IN 1976.

2. THE NEW LINEUP OF GOB MINISTERS IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE - TOM ADAMS

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF TRADE, TOURISM AND
INDUSTRY - BERNARD ST. JOHN (ALSO NAMED LEADER OF THE HOUSE)

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MINISTER OF HOUSING, LANDS AND ENVIRONMENT - LIONEL CRAIG

MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS - SENATOR
RONALD MAPP (ALSO NAMED LEADER OF THE SENATE)

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS - LINDSAY
BOLDENT

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS -
LLOYD BRATHWAITE

MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO - SENATOR NIGEL BARROW

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ATTORNEY GENERAL -
HENRY FORDE

MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE - LOUIS TULL

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND NATIONAL INSURANCE -
BILLIE MILLER

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND COMMUNITY SERVICES -
DR. DONNALD BLACKMAN

3. DR. BLACKMAN, THE CURRENT GOB AMBASSADOR TO THE UN,
WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE SENATE AND WILL ASSUME HIS DUTIES
FROM SEPTEMBER 18. ALL OTHER APPOINTMENT CHANGES, FOR
CRAIG, MAPP, BOLDEN, BRATHWAITE, AND BARROW,
TAKE EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 12. BARROW WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BROADCASTING, PRESS LIASON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. MAPP HAS HAD THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CONSITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMISSION FOR MOST OF 1978 AND NOW WILL CONCENTRATE HIS ENERGIES ON TRANSLATING THE PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION
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